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Waste report shows disposal trends

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

If you want to avoid traffic at an Algonquin Highlands landfill this summer, try not going on a holiday Monday.

During an April 4 meeting, councillors for the township received a staff report on solid waste management for 2018.

According to the report, the collective traffic flow though the township's four landfills and one transfer station was just more than 60,000 vehicles for the year. Much of that traffic count manifests itself during the cottaging season of the summer months, and within those summer months, long weekends stand out as the periods of heaviest traffic.

"An analysis of summer traffic by day of the week (during 24 weeks from May 2 to Oct. 10, Thanksgiving, 2017) show us significant peaks," the report reads. "It is quite evident where the long weekends occur. Sunday traffic is heavy across all sites, holiday Monday traffic is the heaviest. This analysis, and input from attendants, identified Fridays (particularly at Maple and Dorset) as heavy traffic days, much more than Saturdays.'

A graph showed vehicles per day for holiday Mondays ranging from more than 600 to

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The woman who loves giraffes

The Woman Who Loves Giraffes was a popular draw at this year's Doc(k) Day documentary film festival at the Pinestone. From left are Alison Reid, the film's director, Dr. Anne Innis Dagg, who is featured in the film, and Doc(k) Day founder Tammy Rea. What Jane Goodall is to chimps, Dagg is to giraffes, and she and Reid gave a Q and A session following the film's screening. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Peripheral Visions at Minden gallery

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Minden's Agnes Jamieson Gallery was packed for the opening of Peripheral Visions the evening of April 5.

A juried exhibition featuring the works of

Ontario, including a painting by Haliburton County's Carole Finn, the show is a project of the Ontario Society of Artists.

"I wanted to say a few words about the title of the show," artist and curator Todd Tremeer, who organized the exhibit, told the room. "An exhibition title, for me, is like an artwork title. It may be a descriptive label

19 artists from throughout central and eastern that creates a very narrow reading of a piece of work or a series, or a title may encourage a more expansive, interpretive outlook. And, with a title like Peripheral Visions, I was really trying to think of that sort of open-ended, almost allegorical sort of idea. What does that mean? What could it mean?" While the underlying theme of the show is

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Wait list for financially assisted housing growing

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The wait list for financially assisted housing in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes is growing quickly.

Since 2013, the list has almost quadrupled, increasing by 375 per cent, "which is quite substantial, and concerning," Michelle Corley, program supervisor with the City of Kawartha Lakes' housing help division, told Haliburton County councillors during a meeting in late March.

The City of Kawartha Lakes is the social services manager of the county, responsible for overseeing housing and homelessness programming.

There are some 1,700 households on that waiting list, nearly 700 of them singles or couples, 600 of them seniors and about 375 of them families. The greatest demand is for one-bedroom units.

A number of market conditions have contributed to the wait list's growth. Housing prices have increased during the past six years, and new mortgage rules with stricter criteria and larger down payments have made homeownership more difficult for some.

"That is contributing to more stress on the rental market," Corley said.

Because there is a limited supply of rental accommodations in the area, it means the price of rentals has also increased. All of these factors mean that those who live in financially assisted housing accommodations are staying put longer.

"They're moving out less frequently than they used to," Corley said.

Less turnover means a growing list of people waiting to get into financially assisted housing.

Currently, the wait time for Haliburton County residents is about three and a half years for those on the list, about five for those in Lindsay. Someone putting their name on the list today could wait as long as seven years. County residents comprise 20 per cent of the waiting list, or 337 households. Of those, 160 are seniors, 120 are households with no dependents and 51 are households with dependents.

To keep up with demand, ideally, 75 new affordable units would need to be constructed within the county each year, with 48 of them being one-bedroom units. The city is setting

new targets as it updates its 10-year housing and homelessness plan.

"We can only achieve some of these targets with the co-operation of all levels of government," Corley said.

While municipalities can offer incentives to private developers to create affordable housing – provision of land, waiving or reducing property taxes, waiving building and permit fees, reducing parking space requirements, etc. – private builders are still often reluctant to construct affordable housing buildings since the profit margins are too low. Therefore, most of the affordable housing projects in the community, such as the second phase of Pinegrove Place development near the Minden arena, are constructed with government funding.

Exhibition features work of 19 artists

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Canadian landscape, "some are literal, some are more evocative," Tremeer said of the works, which manifest in a variety of media.

Clare Ross, president of the OSA's executive council told attendees that while the society tries to support artists and artists' events throughout the province, because of the reality of geography and concentration of the population, it has meant that much of the volunteer-run organization's programming has taken place in Toronto. However, the OSA

now has an eastern hub, a northern hub and a western hub.

"The whole point of these hubs is to be as inclusive as possible, and to stretch our limbs as far across the province as we can," Ross said. The exhibition includes artists from places such as Stittsville, Ganonque, Kingston, Peterborough and Maynooth.

Agnes Jamieson Gallery curator Laurie Carmount led an interactive discussion on avenues for artists, from the church and the monarchy, through to the internet.

Peripheral Visions runs until May 25.



Artist and curator Todd Tremeer, who organized the Peripheral Visions exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, speaks at its opening reception on April 5. The **Ontario Society of Artists** juried show features the works of 19 artists from throughout central and eastern Ontario, including a piece by Haliburton County's Carole Finn. /CHAD **INGRAM Staff**



Agnes Jamieson Gallery curator Laurie Carmount leads an interactive discussion during the opening reception of Peripheral Visions, a juried exhibition through the Ontario Society of Artists, on April 5.





Late Day Bog, an acrylic painting by Carol Wescott, is one of the pieces in Peripheral Visions, a juried exhibition by the Ontario Society of Artists, showing at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until May 25.



Flow by Minden's Carole Finn is one of the featured pieces in Peripheral Visions.

Diversion rate hovers around 35%

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almost 850. The township operates landfills at Maple Lake, Hawk Lake, Pine Springs and Oxtongue Lake, and a transfer station at Dorset. Staff adjustments were made to accommodate these peak periods in 2018.

As for the type of waste residents are bringing to disposal sites, by weight, 42 per cent of the waste collected in 2018 was household garbage; 27 per cent was construction and demolition waste; nine per cent fibre; eight per cent scrap metal; eight per cent containers; four per cent mattresses; and two per cent was constituted by electronic and hazardous household waste.

About 85,000 bags of household garbage were brought to Algonquin Highlands landfills in 2018.

The waste diversion rate for residential waste in the township has hovered at around 35 per cent for the past few years. The residue rate - "residue" is material that must be removed from blue boxes in order for the material to be recycled – has climbed during the past few years. While in 2014 the township's residue rate was approximately 10 per cent, it was 16 per cent for 2018.

"This is in large part due to stricter requirements for saleable product necessitating increased sorting and removal of more

Enjoying time

Moviegoers get their tickets

for The Woman Who Loves

Giraffes during Doc(k) Days

at the Plnestone on April 6.

documentary film festival. /

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screened at the eighth annual

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materials as residue," the report reads. "Changes in market demand means there is much less tolerance for improper or dirty materials.'

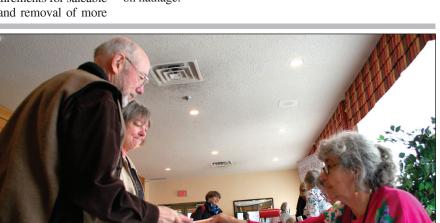
Mayor Carol Moffatt said the report shows "how tremendous public participation is in our programs, but at the same time, how much better we can do.'

Operations manager Adam Thorn said the township is trying to increase public education. Residents may not know, for example, that if plastic containers are not clean of food, they go into general waste, or that recyclables should be deposited in bins loosely, not in bags.

Two of the township's landfills – at Hawk Lake and Pine Springs – are reaching the end of their lifespans, with approximately three and four and half years remaining, respectively. The lifespan for the landfill at Maple Lake is estimated at just less than 60 years, and the one at Oxtongue Lake just more

"Managing waste is going to be a huge challenge and a huge problem for all the municipalities going forward," Moffatt said.

The report also shows that the addition of a compactor at the Dorset transfer station in 2016 is saving the township money on haulage.



Farmers' market returns to Stanhope

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market will set up shop along North Shore Road in Stanhope again this summer.

Jim Stanley and Gus Janco of the market association visited Algonquin Highlands councillors during their April 4 meeting, requesting permission to again use township property along North Shore Road for the hosting of markets on Friday afternoons this summer.

While the market association, which also hosts markets in Minden and Haliburton Village, once had a Friday market in Carnarvon, it was moved to Stanhope in 2017. The other two markets are able to support traffic from May into the fall, however, Stanley said the Stanhope market does best through the peak summer season.

"Plus, it's a new market," he said. "It's only been two years." Although the Stanhope market brings in less revenue than the other two markets – last year it had \$122,000 in sales, compared to \$260,000 in sales in Haliburton - Stanley noted that, 'This market generated more dollars per patron than the other

There is strong patron and customer loyalty, and while last year the Stanhope market had 24 vendors, this year the plan is for 26, with a total of 32 tables.

"We have done polling with our vendors, and they definitely want to stay here," Stanley said.

Councillors were extremely supportive of the market's return.

"We can certainly use our social media channels to continue to grow the market," said Mayor Carol Moffatt, who noted the Stanhope Museum has begun opening on Fridays during the summer, as the market generates some walk-in traffic.

"We love what you're doing, glad you want to come back," said Deputy Mayor and Haliburton County Warden Liz

The market will run Fridays from June 21 to Aug. 30, noon until 4 p.m.

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Take Notice that pursuant to Section 48 of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O., 2001, c25, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills, at its Regular Council Meeting, held on April 25, 2019 will consider a by-law to provide for the naming of private roads for the purpose of accommodating the addition of private road names within the Township of Minden Hills.

The proposed changes to the Township of Minden Hills Road Naming By-law is the addition of two new private roads being Stargazer Drive and Wharf Drive

A copy of the proposed By-law is available from the Township Office during regular business hours or by visiting the Township's website at www.mindenhills.ca.

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REQUEST FOR TENDER

The Township has issued RFT #EPO 19-02 for Landfill Cover, Compaction & Maintenance Services for their five (5) waste facilities. Please visit www.mindenhills.cafor more information. Deadline for submissions is April 23, 2019 by 12:00 noon

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.

Apr 25 - Regular Meeting of Council May 9 - Committee of the Whole Meeting For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings,

visit www.mindenhills.ca Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of July, August and December

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The Township is currently accepting applications for the following positions

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Township has issued RFP #BBP 19-01 for sewage inspection services for a Septic Re-inspection Program. Please visit www.mindenhills.ca for more information.

Deadline for submissions is April 18, 2019 by 12:00 noon.

SPRING MELT REMINDER

Springtime is typically the time of year when periods of precipitation historically occur. Property owners are reminded to be aware of and monitor their situation, as each can vary depending on: distance from watershed(s), distance from an unaffected accessible road, height of land, property saturation levels; and the availability, number, size and type of sump pump, etc. For more information, visit www.mindenhills.ca

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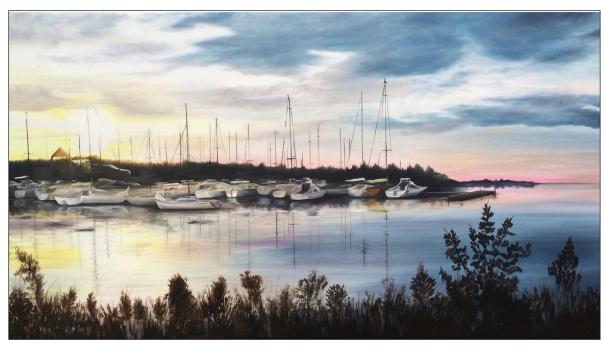
> March 27 - July 6 AJG Collection I

of André Lapine (1866-1952) ARCA selection of work exhibits throughout the year. This selection is of paintings depicting horses and other exceptional pieces. Lapine was known as the best illustrator of horses in North America. Curator Talk: 'Lapine-ism' a culmination of many 'isms' comparing

his work to Russian/European styles July 4 at 7pm at the AJG Agnes Jamieson Gallery's collection



Let's celebrate and recognize the exponential impact of volunteers and how they lift our communities! Celebrate the Volunteer Factor during National Volunteer Week April 7-13, 2019 https://volunteer.ca/nvw2019





Artist Sarah Shaw's work includes landscapes, animals, people and flowers and she is well-versed in creating with numerous mediums./SUE TIFFIN Staff

Artist looks for 'an experience gained' in downtown Minden

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

Sarah Shaw is an adventurer, an artist, and anticipating a fun, busy summer bringing art and art classes to Minden's main street.

The Whitby-based painter who has been the artist on board expedition ships to the Arctic and has painted scenes of Guatemalan streets, is setting up shop on Bobcaygeon Road in the space adjacent to the former Village Chalet beginning in May, after the owner of the building thought it might suit a little art studio and recommended she fill the empty storefront on weekends until the end

"So I figured, let's go for it," she said.

Shaw has been painting since she was a child, and operating an art studio for the past 17 years.

"My father's side of the family is very artistic," she said. "It's a gene I was born with."

When her children were small, she wanted to be able to stay at home and raise them, and said she had the space and the means to open a home-based arts studio.

"It flourished from there," she said, of Shaw Studios, where she began teaching two classes a week and now teaches 15 classes a

The Minden store will serve as an art gal-

lery, with original artwork for sale, as well as handmade wooden sculptures and knickknacks. She's also opening the door to a wide variety of classes and workshops to engage the community. After doing research on the area, Shaw said she found there were few opportunities specifically offered for children to explore art. She'll be offering one-and-ahalf-hour classes in a variety of mediums for kids on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

"A lot of parents, if they don't know art, they don't try it," she said. "Some parents don't like the mess in the house. Here's an opportunity to get messy. Art is a nice, mindful, creative activity, rather than a physical one. You have a lot of sports camps and whatnot, but when it comes to art and music there isn't too much of that."

Additionally, Shaw offers family workshops, in which an adult and child can come to the studio together for instruction on a piece of art.

"It's a good bonding moment for the family," she said. "It's fun and carefree, and parents don't have to sit on the sidelines."

Adult paint nights will be offered with an option for participants to choose from a library of images to create, and Shaw is reaching out to local groups to offer fundraiser opportunities through the interactive evenings. She said she's open to offering what the community tells her it wants.

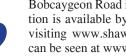
The self-professed wanderer and camping aficionado plans to combine her love of camping with her love of teaching while in Minden, avoiding the drive back and forth to Whitby by pitching a tent in a campsite with her son, his friend and her dog.

"You've always got to try something new, be brave, take some bold steps," she said, noting the importance of teaching children to be brave and "go for things," while appreciating "an experience gained."

Art classes for kids and youth aged six to 16 at Shaw Studios in Minden will include Charcoals on July 7 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.;

It's a good bonding moment for the family.

— ARTIST SARAH SHAW





Artist Sarah Shaw is opening an art gallery and studio space in downtown Minden on weekends this summer. The Whitby-based painter is looking forward to offering classes for kids, families and paint nights, as well as selling original artwork from the space. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Oil Pastels on June 8 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and July 21 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; Watercolours on Aug. 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Acrylics on May 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Aug. 15 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Classes range in price from \$8 to \$15.

Family workshops are geared toward pairings of one adult with one child, and cost \$30 (additional children can opt in for \$12 each). Participants are guided step-by-step through an acrylic painting, together. Workshops take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on June 9, July 28 and Aug. 18.

Adult paint nights, in which students aged 18 and older, of all levels of experience, can paint a 16 x 20-inch canvas in acrylics, are available at \$40 per person. Workshops run from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and Shaw said small classes ensure she can work one-on-one with participants. Paint Nights will be held May 24, June 10, June 27, July 22 and Aug. 16. Each night offers a different painting option, and participants receive a discount if they sign up for more than one night.

Shaw Studios will be located at 107 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. More information is available by calling 905-431-1625 or visiting www.shawstudios.ca. Sarah's work can be seen at www.sarahshaw.ca.



Haliburton Rideshare comes to an end

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

Haliburton Rideshare, a project of the Rural Transportation Options committee, has ended.

'After running for several years, Haliburton Rideshare requires a dedicated staff and resources to properly continue its growth," reads a release from RTO. "Unfortunately, at this point, there are insufficient funds and energy for that work to be done."

The Haliburton Rideshare website, a forum for county residents to arrange for carpooling, operated for about three years, and was part of a community transportation project by RTO, funded largely through grants from the MTO.

"Rural Transportation Options, having worked tirelessly for almost nine years to improve transportation options

within Haliburton County, has tapped into provincial, federal and local funds, expertise and knowledge to advance the transportation agenda," the RTO release reads. "The issue of transportation is overwhelming, complex and touches many different sectors. Rural Transportation Options was determined to make a difference in this area and both researched and considered what was needed within Haliburton County."

"Matched with the number of empty passenger seats that are often found in personal vehicles, ridesharing was quickly determined to be the 'low hanging fruit' when considering how to use existing assets to help folks get around," the release continues. "Carpooling was already a familiar activity for most residents; the Rideshare initiative strived to expand those carpooling circles and help folks travelling in similar directions connect to share rides.3

The Haliburton Rideshare website had about 200 registered

"While focus was on providing a successful virtual plat-

form for people to connect to share rides, the overall intent of the Rideshare initiative was to prompt people to consider ridesharing more often as well as to cause community groups to begin encouraging their own members and participants to rideshare," the release reads.

The release notes the components of the website have been archived, should a group in the future wish to revive it.

Haliburton County council commissioned a transportation implementation plan for a booked, shared ride service within the municipality. However, it remains unclear at this time whether council intends to initiate such a system, and council is scheduled to discuss the matter this month.







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Producer responsibility

■ ONVERSATIONS ABOUT reducing and 'eliminating disposable, single-use plastics are becoming more and more widespread, globally and on a local, municipal level.

Certainly, from swirling ocean islands of plastic to the emissions created from the constant production and recycling of the stuff, most of us are aware at this point of the detriment that our steady diet of plastic is having on the natural world.

Within the County of Haliburton, Dysart et al is emerging as the leader in efforts to curb plastic consumption, purchasing water stations for Head Lake Park. The idea is that once enough water stations are available in the park, that vendors at events there will no longer be

permitted to sell plastic bottles of water. All of the townships should be re-evaluating their plastics consumption and looking at policy change, including outfitting their roads departments with reusable water vessels, rather than skids upon skids of water bottled in disposable plastic. While they are commonplace to most of us alive now, remember that single-use disposal plastics are relatively new in the span of human history. Humanity got by and stayed hydrated for a long time without them, so presumably can do so again in the future.

The County of Haliburton is moving ahead with a climate change plan for itself and its lower tiers, and presumably dealing with plastics will be part of that framework once complete.

And while it's important for municipalities to become leaders in reducing use of plastics, ultimately, the problem can only be sufficiently dealt with by going after the corporations that are the producers of these plastics in the first place. They are the ones flooding the marketplace with them, but the task of cleaning them up falls to municipal governments through their waste management responsibilities.

As the Association of Municipalities of Ontario points out in a recent document, municipalities need the provincial and federal

> levels of government to pass legislation forcing producers to be responsible for the end-of-life care of their products.

"Make producers fully responsible for managing waste from their products and packaging," it reads. "Municipal

governments have no control over the materials that businesses choose to use or commodity markets. Full producer responsibility is the only way to encourage innovation and deliver better economic and environmental outcomes, while

reducing the burden on taxpayers."

And boom goes the dynamite. Individual responsibility and municipal prudence are important when dealing with the plastics problem, but a truly sustainable solution will only come about by going after the corporations that use plastics in such immense volumes to begin with. Make companies responsible for the endof-life treatment of their products, subject to steep financial penalties, and watch how quickly more environmentally friendly packaging will be adopted.



CHAD INGRAM Reporter



"Just another bald-crowned, big-bellied male."

Bears, hammocks and 'expert' advice

F I WAS writing a book on outdoor survival, it would be titled, Don't Get Lost: It's Easier Than Building A Shelter, Eating Grubs And Starting A Fire With Sticks. The entire book would be about how to use a map, compass and GPS. That's because if you never get lost you don't really need to learn all those other survival skills and spend uncomfortable nights out in the woods.

If a publisher asked me to write a follow up book it would be called, You Got Lost Anyways? For The Love Of God Just Stay Put And Call For Help On Your Cell

The third book would be OK, I'll Show You Outdoors Skills You Are Never Going To Have To Use If You Read My First Two Books.

Finally, my last book would be Be Careful Who You Take Survival Advice From.

This last title was inspired by a bit of outdoors advice I saw dispensed on the internet the other day. The "expert" created a video showing viewers what he thought was a safe way to hammock camp in bear country.

First of all, let me say what you probably already know. If you are worried about bears, take the standard precautions: hang your food up a tree away from camp, keep a neat campsite and, if it's really bad, avoid the area entirely.

Also, most camp raiding bears are not looking at humans as their next meal. That said, a man-eating bear would probably regard any tent hammock you are enclosed in the same way we regard the casing on a sausage. If aggressive bears are an actual worry, nothing short of portable electric fencing or

a gun capable of dealing with the problem

This "expert" took a different approach, however. He suggested a wise thing to do when hammock camping in bear country was to set up your hammock 20 feet off the ground.

To do this, he built an unsteady ladder made of saplings and parachute cord that extended about 20 feet up. Then he tied cross

members between four trees and stood on those rickety cross members without a safety harness to set up a rickety platform made of questionable materials. From this questionable platform, he set up his hammock.

Let's forget for a moment that bears are incredibly adept at climbing trees.

A man-eating bear wouldn't even have to go to the effort of climbing the tree. It would just have to wait at the bottom until

he fell out, or simply shake the tree since this guy wasn't wearing a safety harness.

Also, it took him two full days to make this platform, so here's hoping that any maneating bear in the area is patient.

Without a doubt this was the stupidest thing I have ever seen on the internet being passed off as sound outdoors advice. Interestingly, his thousands of subscribers thought he was a genius.

In fairness, they did not have the mental wherewithal to understand a person is far more likely to die from not wearing a safety harness when working 20-feet up a tree than from bear attack.

I'm not going to speculate why that expert thought this was a good idea. All I can say is I don't think it's a good idea to be that high around bears.



STEVE GALEA Beyond 35

INOTHERWORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Let there be white

THE PLAN THIS week was to write a column about the SNC-Lavalin political madness whipped up by the muddled minds of the nation's political elite.

Plans change; this one because my mind refused to waste one more millisecond reading or hearing about political incompetency and corruption.

The SNC-Lavalin scandal, which could have been avoided with some honest moral leadership, continues while the critical problems of climate change, the opioid epidemic, the growing poor-rich chasm are lost in a fog of political war. It's like kids screaming at each other over a broken toy instead of working together to fix it.

So I decided to write about my new car instead of the SNC-Lavalin mess.



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

Some months ago my wife and I agreed it would make sense to trade our aging car and 11-year-old pickup truck for one new vehicle.

It is a nice car. Smooth, frisky and smells good inside. The only complaint is that all the bells, buzzers, blinking lights and computerized thingies are almost as annoying as the politicians arguing whether corporate criminal acts should be ignored in the interest of saving jobs.

What is strange about our new car is its colour. It

Many years ago I vowed never to drive a white car. It was a vow developed from a childhood trauma.

The trauma occurred the day my father came home with our very first family vehicle. It was a brand new boxy 1956 Chevy with pimple tail lights, and should have been the envy of a neighbourhood of rusting, slouch-back 1940s models.

It wasn't. It was totally white and without an inch of chrome to give it some personality.

The neighbourhood kids were on to it immediately. Their taunts were devastating.

"Hey, there's an ambulance at Poling's house!"

"No, it's theirs. His old man bought an ambulance."

The adults were not any kinder.

"Did it come with a siren?" the next door neighbour asked.

"How much would it cost for a rooftop red light option?" asked another.

The jokes shouted across the lawns and the whispers and smirks at his workplace parking lot were too much for Dad. One day he brought the Chevy back to Port Arthur Motors where he had bought it. It came back the next day with a painted blue roof. No longer could it be called The Ambulance.

All those memories washed over me as I drove our new, white car from the dealership. Would friends and neighbours start calling it The Ambulance?

Then after a couple of days on the road I realized that I was not alone in having a white car. Many of the vehicles around me, even trucks, were

Some research uncovered a startling fact: In recent years white has become the most popular colour for new vehicles. Every second car now imported from Asia is white. Worldwide, 37 per cent of all new vehicles in 2016 were painted white.

So instead of being laughed at and called The Ambulance my new car is lost in a sea of white cars out there on the streets and highways.

One reason for the trend to white vehicles is that some people consider them safer. Surveys show that black vehicles are 12 per cent more likely to be involved in an accident than white. Grey vehicles are 11 per cent more likely, and silver 10 per cent.

There are disadvantages to having a white vehicle. It is difficult to find in parking lots where the majority of vehicles seem to be white.

Also, there were times this past winter at the lake when I thought our car had been stolen. I would get up in the morning, look out to the parking spot and could not see it. It was indistinguishable in the fresh-fallen snow.

But my car's colour is not simply white. No car colour these days has a name that is plain or simple. Blues, for instance, are no longer simply blues. Your new blue vehicle might be listed as Estoril, Indigo, Blu Nettuno or some other florid appellation dreamed up by marketing ninjas.

No, my new car is not a plain and simple white. It is Blizzard, which likely is why I had so much trouble finding it during the winter.

Normal vs. natural

WAS LISTENING to a Foot Collective podcast the other day. The topic of "normal" vs. "natural" came up in relation to our bodies. This sparked a great amount of thought for me.

These definitions are from the online Merriam-Webster dictionary:

- Normal conforming to a type, standard, or regular pattern
- Natural being in accordance with or determined by nature

It's easy to use these words interchangeably but they are very different, and that difference has contributed to challenges in our health.

I brought this topic up with a client who is in his mid-60s and he asked how I define "natural." Coincidentally, in the past two years the number of younger kids (six to 10 years old) on his street has increased. They

are playing baseball, hockey or basketball, depending on the season. They are running, jumping and sometimes sitting/lying on the lawns discussing whatever it is kids banter about these days. My answer was to point to those kids and say "that is natural." That drove the point home completely.

I believe we've all either heard or said "that's natural for me." A great place to change unhealthy habits is by changing that statement to "that's normal for me," and then question what would be natural. I've experienced a few "ah ha" moments as I've introduced this practice into my life. I'm now seeing clients embrace changes that are resulting in improved health.

Here are some examples that we may feel are natural behaviours but are not:

- Sleeping less than seven hours per night. We are being kept awake by artificial light and other stimuli. Try shutting everything down an hour earlier than you normally do and see what happens.
- Eating at specific times of the day whether you're hungry or not. Eat when your body gives you signals that you need

nourishment. If there is a set time to have family dinner and you're not really hungry, eat less. We get together for the company not for the calories.

• Feeling tired at the end of the day because you've spent eight hours at a desk. Your body isn't tired. Move it at the end of that type of day and you'll discover how much energy you really do have.

Practical Fitness Moving back to natural means getting in touch with our bodies. We are constantly getting signals (pain, fatigue, etc.) that we either can't hear or we ignore. Set aside time over the next month to focus on one normal thing that you do that isn't natural. Get curious about it. Look for ways that you can adjust things because the truth is that natural is a better way to be.

Something to think about.

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Dorset News

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Summer is coming and soon the SS Bigwin will be setting sail for another season. Starting Friday, May 17 they will be cruising twice a day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 2 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., until the end of June. In July and August they will sail out of Dorset on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 1 to 2 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Also on Thursdays in July and August they will be offering a Cruise and Dine to Port Cunnington Lodge, departing Dorset at 4 p.m.. The boat will arrive just before 5:30 p.m. and while those passengers are having their meal, a second cruise from the Lodge will be departing at 5:30 p.m.

Out of Dwight the SS Bigwin will be sailing Monday and Tuesday from June 24 to Aug. 27. On Mondays they will offer a 4 to 5 p.m. cruise and a 6 to 7 p.m. cruise. On Tuesdays, to coincide with the Farmers' Market they will offer three cruises: 10 to 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to

In September and October they will go back to the three day schedule out of Dorset. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 2 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. For more info and pricing, visit www.ssbigwin.com.

Dorset's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is happening on Saturday, April 20 at 2 p.m. at Lion's Centennial Park next to the fire hall. This is a free event in collaboration with the Dorset Community Health Care Hub. All children are invited to participate and there will be free hot chocolate and candy for everyone

Happy birthday to Robbie Drebbitt, Caitlin Perry and Todd Brooks. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@ me.com.

Have a thought, comment or opinion you'd like to share?

Send a letter to the editor to jenn@haliburtonpress.com

HHSS students join province-wide walkout

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

At precisely 1:15 p.m. on April 4, the front doors of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School opened and more than 50 students walked out of class to protest changes being made to the province's education system by the PC government that include proposed increased class sizes, mandatory e-learning modules, changes to OSAP including the free tuition currently offered to low-income families, a classroom cellphone ban and potential teacher job cuts.

The province-wide walkout, which was intended to last until 2:15 p.m. that day, saw thousands of students participating across Ontario in the student-led movement. Locally, the walkout was organized by Grade 12 HHSS student and TLDSB student representative Chloe Samson, who said she was inspired by a fellow G7 rep at LCVI in Lindsay who was organizing that school's walkout. Samson created an Instagram page for the local walkout, and registered the school in the provincial walkout online database.

"Today I was really hoping to get a lot of students," said Samson as the walkout began and the crowd of students gathered by the side of the road in front of the train located on the school property. "Some students who are coming here were saying, 'oh, it's not going to make a difference.' So I'm trying to tell them ... it's not so much [about] making a difference right now, it's having a voice and showing that we all believe in something."

Samson said the cuts to education that might see teachers lose their jobs, and the increase in class sizes, were worrisome, as well as potential losses to the educational assistant team, which help her peers access education.

"They're looking at maybe, who knows, it could be up to seven teachers cut from the school," she said. "It's just a random number. But if teachers are cut, it's going to affect so many students, learning styles, and upping the amount of students in a classroom, it doesn't seem fitting for any school, especially a smaller school. I think it's going to really affect us negatively, especially with a lot of students with learning disabilities, and we know we have low scores with EQAO, so I think we need more teachers, not less."

In an interview with the *Times* prior to the walkout, fifth year HHSS student Madeline Hopkins said students had discussed the policy changes in leadership class.



At 1:15 p.m. on April 5, more than 50 HHSS students walked out of class for an hour, joining province-wide student-led walkouts to oppose provincial government policy changes to education, including increased class sizes, teacher job cuts, mandatory e-learning and education funding cuts, among other changes. / **SUE TIFFIN Staff**

"We spoke about it in class, just students without teachers, and we discussed how in order for us to start some type of change, it has to start at the roots of who it is affecting, the students and the parents," said Hopkins. "And so yes, school boards and teachers, they can say what they want to say, but it's also just as important, equally important, to have the students and the parents speaking and demonstrating how they

Samson and Hopkins said in their experience, an increase in class size would be detrimental, with Hopkins noting her Grade 10 English class had 35 students in it, "and it was

"It's the same, whether or not I was an A student or a D student, I still have tons of questions that I want answered,"

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she said. "In a class of 35, there's a huge spectrum of the abilities of the students that are in that class, and different learning styles."

Samson said Minister of Education Lisa Thompson's statement about larger classrooms leading to more resilient students was not fair.

"Resiliency is her going around it, honestly, because a lot of students, for me personally, I am not an A student," she said. "And I have a different learning style, I need to speak to the teacher to fully comprehend things because when I am just given the information, like the teacher does when they're teaching, that's not enough for me, I need more. And there are plenty of students who have a similar learning style to me, [larger class sizes are] just putting them all at a disadvantage when they could be learning better."

Hopkins said the physical space in the classrooms suggests they are not intended to hold so many students.

"Our science labs, they're not big enough to hold classes that are that big," she said. "That's obviously not as relevant as other issues that we're facing, but it's just going to be a

The HHSS students also said the four mandatory online classes proposed by the government were not suited to the Haliburton community, and would be difficult for some students without access to computers, high-speed internet, or transportation to get to and from the library, to complete.

"And with online courses, there's a huge disconnect between the teacher and the student," said Hopkins. "Most of us have taken at least one online course, and it's not ideal. You can't have one-on-one's with the teacher. Online courses are tailored for one specific type of learning, pretty much, so if you need to be able to speak with the teacher, need other resources, it's very hard to get them." Prior to the change, the students said it was difficult to get approval for online courses.

"And that was for a reason," said Grade 12 HHSS student Josie Quigley. "It's because online courses aren't ideal for most students, they don't work for a lot of students. It requires an insane amount of organization and time management that I don't think most Grade 9s have developed yet."

The students also worried out loud about the potential to lose expertise with teacher cuts, and said they think the teacher-student ratio is "right on the brink."

The April 4 HHSS walkout was peaceful, with students working to make the most impact with their signs on passing vehicles. Some signs read, "you can't spell TEAM without an EA," in a nod to educational assistants, one read, "education is an investment, not a cost," one read, "strong education equals strong economy," and one suggested there were jobs available at the racetrack in a nod to the Ford government's announcement to invest \$10 million per year in Ontario's





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Students call minister's comments unfair

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Photos of the walkout posted to the Echo's Facebook page resulted in comments that praised the students for taking a stand and some that also accused the students of being coerced into the walkout by their teachers, none who were at the scene of the protest last

One comment said, "I spoke to tons of students. Most were unaware of the politics, just liked the idea of not being in class for a little while, don't leverage them for leftist agenda."

One comment read in part, "Students have a right to make a statement about the state of education in the province of Ontario and [Premier] Doug Ford needs to be stopped. All great change has been brought about through public action."

Prior to the walkout, responding to adults criticizing the students, Samson said: "Honestly, everyone's free to their own opinion and I respect everyone for saying what they believe in, but I think that is completely wrong. We are here to make noise to show that we have a voice and to just represent what we believe in, and our rights. It's OK for them to say they don't believe in this, and it's OK for us to do what we want to do, because we believe we are doing something that's correct, and right, and hopefully it's going to send a proper message."

Minister of Education Lisa Thompson issued a statement on April 4 at 5:20 p.m., following the walkout.

"Today is a disappointing day for Ontario's parents and students," reads the statement. "On a day when we reached out to begin

good-faith consultations with Ontario's teachers, we instead are seeing Ontario teachers' unions condoning a student walkout at schools across the province. We know teachers' unions organized student walkouts under the previous government. I'm concerned we may be seeing the same thing now as teachers' unions are clearly not discouraging this stunt."

Thompson said, "over half of Ontario's sixth grade students are failing to meet an acceptable standard on their math tests," and said teachers' unions "have offered no solution to the math crisis." She said teachers were enabling students to skip classes rather than focusing on math.

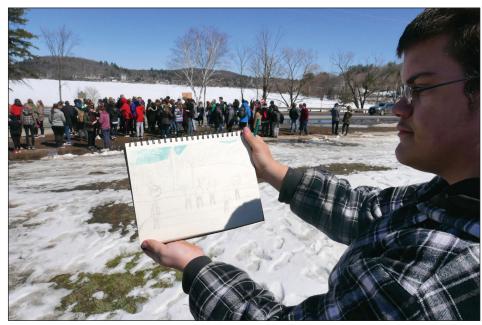
"And even when students are in class, too many teachers are choosing to use students as a captive audience for their union's political agenda."

Thompson said the provincial government is renewing Ontario's curriculum to ensure students have math, science and financial literacy skills, and had passed legislation that will require teachers to complete a math content knowledge test.

"In the meantime, I want to remind parents that, should they be concerned about their child's safety because of any union support of the walkout, they always have the option to contact the Ontario College of Teachers, which is the regulatory body responsible for teacher misconduct."

"...I want everyone in Ontario to know that we are prepared to take action to give parents peace of mind that no one will ever use our children as a captive audience or bargaining chip as part of their union's political games.'

Samson said Thompson's statement was "upsetting and unsettling."



HHSS Grade 11 student Jack Morrison joined the crowd of protesting students from a distance, sketching the scene. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

"Teachers are not using us for their own political agenda," she wrote to the Times following the walkout. "They are supporting and looking out for their students that they know more personally than say the Minister of Education knows each student. [The provincial government has] a warped agenda to get students back to the levels and scores they perhaps once were by going back to the old way of teaching but they do not realize that today is a new age and things are evolving. Nothing is staying the same and things need to advance, not go back ... Everybody is entitled to their own opinion but I do not support hers."

HHSS vice-principal David Waito said prior to the event, the school would encourage students to consider alternatives to the walkout, such as writing to their local MPP or the Minister of Education. He said students were not encouraged to leave class, but acknowledged their right to peacefully protest. All students who participated in the walkout were marked absent from class.

Samson thanked the students for "gathering and leaving the classes respectfully and returning after the walkout finished respectfully, but also protesting with all their

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The Township of Minden Hills would like to express their appreciation to the nearly 100 volunteers within the community who have contributed their energy and time to supporting our annual special events, lending a hand at our Cultural Centre, sharing concerns and ideas on our advisory committees, keeping youth and seniors active through a variety of programming and so much more!









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In honour of Volunteer Week, we contacted some of the many local organizations about what volunteers mean to them. Here are their answers:

Questions

- 1. How many volunteers do you have and what do they do?
- 2. What elements of your organization would be cut or cancelled without volunteers?
- 3. What is your message to volun-
- 4. Do you need more volunteers? For what, and how can they sign up?

SIRCH Community Services

- 1. We have about 30 volunteers. The main volunteer activities are Community Kitchen (where our chef and volunteers make the nutritious meals we give out each year); the Haliburton and Bancroft Thrift Warehouses (where volunteers help test electronics, organize books, etc.) and our board.
- 2. Definitely Community Kitchen without our volunteers there would not be the thousands of meals available (free) to residents in need.
- 3. I was recently told by a woman that when she was in "a very dark place" in her life, and wasn't eating or going out of her room, the one thing that pulled her out was getting some meals from SIRCH's Community Kitchen not because they were food, but because they had been made by caring people in the com-

munity. She felt valued and suddenly felt less alone. As a volunteer you may not always see the direct impact of your contributions but I assure you, they are appreciated more than you know. Thank you all so much for making a difference in this community! We couldn't do it without you.

4. We have just started a Family Roots project and will be looking for senior volunteers to be trained to do genealogy research. They will each be matched with isolated seniors to help them trace their family trees and get more connected with their extended families and in their community.

Volunteer Dental Outreach

- 1. Volunteer Dental Outreach is completely volunteer run with the exception of two staff members who are Level II dental assistants needed to assist the volunteer dental professionals and perform necessary administrative functions such as ordering dental supplies and clinic preparation. Currently, we have four dentist volunteers, one denturist, volunteer dental receptionists and all fundraising events are run by volunteers. At the present time we are desperately lacking in dental hygienist volunteers and have a lengthy waiting list of patients needing their teeth cleaned. The number of dentists usually rises in the summertime when there are some dentists who cottage in the region who volunteer. We also have fourth year University of Toronto dental students volunteer and in two years there have been close to 50 students attend the clinic.
- 2. Our organization would not run at all

without volunteers. The clinic runs like any other dental practice which requires a team of people for every dental visit to prepare the room, greet the patient, provide the patient care, rebook appointments, sterilize the equipment and prepare for the next patient. Volunteer Dental Outreach pays for all the overhead expenses of running the clinic and this would not be possible without volunteers to run the clinic and the fundraising events such as the annual Golf Tournament, Bowlathon, Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Fundraiser and recently St. George's Pancake Dinner.

- 3. Volunteer Dental Outreach is able to change the lives of people in desperate need of dental treatment due to financial barriers because as volunteers you generously donate your time and talent. We thank you and our grateful patients thank you with smiles and notes every day. We are very proud of what you have and are accomplishing for our less fortunate neighbours.
- 4. We always welcome dentists and dental hygienists to volunteer with us. Even though we have been doing this since May 2011, we continue to have a waiting list as people continue to call us for help. At the present time we have 40 patients waiting to have their teeth cleaned by a dental hygienist. Any licensed dental hygienist or dentist, or experienced dental office administrative staff, or anyone willing to help at the annual Golf Tournament on Aug. 22 who might be interested in volunteering could call the clinic at 705-457-3111 for more details.

Haliburton and District Lions Club

- 1. Currently we have 38 members who assist in all phases of fundraising and service to the community. They also form part of an efficient club management.
- 2. Virtually everything we do. This would be a huge loss to the community.
- 3. I quote Helen Keller: The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart. Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.
- 4. The more members we have, the more service we can provide and share the load. Talk to any Haliburton Lion or send us an email at Haliburtonlions@gmail.com.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes – Haliburton

- 1. We have 27 volunteers in our one to one mentoring programs who visit with a child on a weekly basis. They provide consistency, new experiences, friendship, activities, as well as mentoring the child on social aspects of life. We also have another 15 volunteers that sit on the board of directors or assist at fundraising events.
- 2. The organization would not be able to provide mentoring programs, as all mentors are volunteers.
- 3. Volunteers are what make communities work. Please continue to volunteer in

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your community, it is healthier because of

4. We presently have over 30 children waiting to be matched with a big brother, big sister or big couple and a large number waiting to be matched through our In-School Mentoring program. There are 11 children waiting in Haliburton County alone. These children cannot be served without a volunteer who will meet with them on a weekly basis. There is always a need for more volunteers, so interested volunteers can call 705-324-6800 for more information. Arrangements can be made to meet throughout Haliburton

Municipality of Dysart et al

1. We have 40 volunteers that sit on committees of council and the West Guilford and Harcourt Community Centre boards. At each of these community centres they have approximately 100 volunteers that help run their programming and special events. In addition to these volunteers we rely on volunteers for special events, i.e.: Frost Festival

(30+), Haliburton County Wellness Expo (5), ColourFest (12), Ugly Sweater Run (3), and Hali Halloween (4). In addition the Rotary Club of Haliburton and the Haliburton District and Lions Club provide many volunteers to help with the activities.

Our recreation programs - ball hockey, softball, drop-in basketball, after school programs – also require volunteers. Ball hockey alone needs a volunteer coach for each team. Last year alone we had 18 volunteers for ball hockey. Drop-in basketball is run by two dedicated volunteers plus three to four helpers. The after school program used five volunteers on a regular basis and others helped out where they could. The skate park committee is comprised of volunteers and even though the committee meets less frequently now, the committee members are still very actively involved with the skate park. There are six members.

- 2. The recreation programs (ball hockey, softball and basketball) would be cancelled without adequate volunteers. We need them to help coach teams. The festivals and events would also be cut without volunteers. Certain committees of council would cease to exist without volunteers, as they require a certain number of community members to fill the seats or they do not meet the provincial legislation.
- 3. We truly appreciate everything that the volunteers do for us. They dedicate so much of themselves to make sure that the programs and events run smoothly and professionally. Without their help, many of our programs and events would cease to exist. Thank you for all you do!
 - 4. Yes, we are always in need of volun-

teers. If they are looking to help with a special event and/or recreation program they can reach out to Andrea Mueller at 705-457-1740 x. 635 or amueller@dysartetal.ca. The committees of council are set at the beginning of the term and positions are advertised in the paper and online. The next time the municipality will be looking to fill these positions will be in 2023.

Minden Legion

- 1. 22 volunteers
- 2. Daily lunches, Friday fish and chips, event catering and bar service as well as our general daily operations.
- 3. The members and executive acknowledge and thank all of our volunteers for their hard work and dedication. A job well done.
- 4. The Legion is always in need of volunteer assistance and interested parties can contact us by dropping into the branch or calling 705-286-4541 between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday for information.

Central Food Network

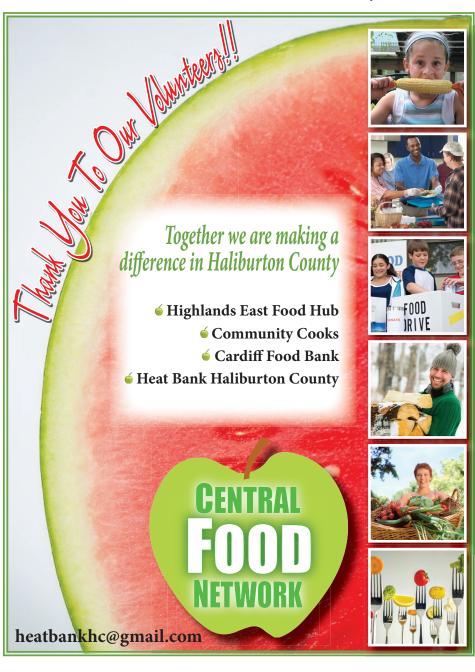
1. CFN has 20 to 25 regular volunteers and they do everything from stocking, staffing and overseeing the Wilberforce and Cardiff food banks to committee and fundraising work to organizing cooking programs for Grade 8s and cooking for community events. The Heat Bank program has approximately 10 regular volunteers who help to deliver firewood, oversee our firewood depots as well as help with committee and fundraising work. We also count on 50 to 60 episodic volunteers who help to pick up donations of wood, grow hot peppers, help with cooking hot sauce and/or come out to wood splitting

- 2. The entire agency would fold without volunteers. Other than one part-time staff for Heat Bank, our agency is entirely volunteerrun so without volunteers, the food banks, cooking programs as well as Heat Bank would shut down.
- 3. Volunteers are the energy of Central Food Network! We celebrate the time and dedication you have for ensuring people in our community have access to food and warmth. Thank you for being our community superheroes!
- 4. YES! We have opportunities for thinkers and organizers, leaders, doers as well as talkers and communicators. Whether people want to regularly volunteer or simply come out to help from time to time, we have volunteer opportunities to match!

Katie's Run

- 1. 80-90 volunteers. We require volunteers to setup and take down, greet, manage parking, sound, registration, face painting, post race food, silent auction, photography and a whole lot for course marshals and water
- 2. We simply would not be able to do our event without volunteers. If we were short on volunteers, we know, after doing this seven years, that the event would not run as smooth and would not be as safe for the participants (i.e. course marshals watch for potential injuries, heat exhaustion, make sure no one gets lost, etc.)
- 3. Thank you! By simply giving a few

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Jim Ross, President Br. 636





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hours of your time, you truly make a huge difference! The difference is far reaching and ripples far beyond the day of the event. You are so appreciated! By joining in you will enjoy being a part of an inspirational day, T-shirt included! "Volunteers don't just do the work - they make it work." -Carol Pettit

4. We could always use more volunteers. We have the unique circumstance where half of our volunteers are not local. A group of Katie's brother's university friends come up each year, but they are all getting older and each year it is getting harder for them to commit. We would love to have more local volunteers. To learn more about volunteering see http://katiesrun.ca/volunteers.htm, to sign up email info@katiesrun.ca.

Bark Lake Cultural Developments

- 1. Numerous some help monthly, some occasionally. What do they do? Cook/serve our various fundraising dinners; sell tickets; distribute posters; paint; drywall; shovel snow; cut grass; garden; look after book nook; contribute prizes; and serve as board members
 - 2. Everything.
- 3. You are valued beyond comparison; greatly appreciated.
- 4. We are always open to volunteers for social media monitoring, gardening, grant research/writing and fundraising.

Community Living Trent Highlands

- 1. We currently have 18 and we support 10 to 15 students per semester which fall under volunteers
- 2. Volunteers both enhance and complement what is happening for people. Without them people would not be able to participate as much as they do in their community.
- 3. The world, our world is richer because of volunteers like you. Thank you for your time and contribution. Your gift is invaluable.
- 4. We are always looking for members of our community to volunteer their time spending time with people, sharing a talent or supporting a group. If you are interested please



Katie's Run requires 80 to 90 volunteers each year. They do a range of tasks to ensure the charity event goes smoothly. ANGELICA INGRAM File photo

contact: Lisa Corp, volunteer coordinator, 705-743-2412 Ext 527. Also you can go to clth.ca and sign up.

Canoe FM

1. Currently Canoe has 127 registered volunteers. Our volunteers are involved in every aspect of the radio station. Volunteers do the gardening, deal with technical issues, develop and enter commercials, public service announcements, programming and songs into our broadcast system, create ad

copy, develop promotional material and create social media postings, they interview and attend events on behalf of the station, they fundraise, sit on the various station committees, they work in the front office, are on air hosts and they are board members. We also have a team of volunteers whose focus is entirely on Radio Bingo. This team dates, distributes and broadcasts Radio Bingo. Volunteers at Canoe FM are involved in every aspect of operating a radio station.

- 2. Simply put, if we didn't have volunteers we wouldn't have a community radio station in Haliburton County.
- 3. As the station manager at Canoe FM I sincerely thank all our dedicated volunteers for the extraordinary effort they put into working as a team, to bring community radio into the homes of Haliburton County.

Volunteering at Canoe FM is fun, satisfying, thrilling, challenging and it gives you the opportunity to make radio like no

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It isn't radio without "You".





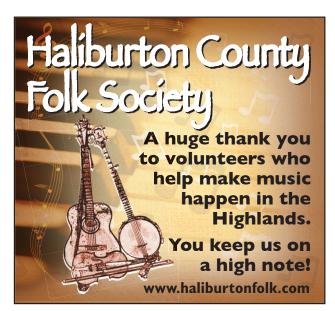


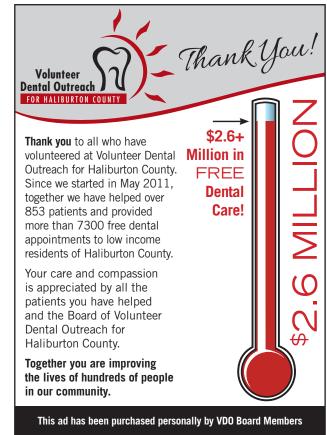
















Questions

- 1. How many volunteers do you have and what do they do?
- 2. What elements of your organization would be cut or cancelled without
- 3. What is your message to volunteers?
- 4. Do you need more volunteers? For what, and how can they sign up?

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one else in our community is doing. As a volunteer you will be given opportunities to express, empower, engage and fulfill yourself with guidance and proper training.

Over the years the station has become an integral part of Haliburton County and this is thanks to the dedication and heart of volunteers.

4. Recruiting volunteers is a challenge, especially for on air hosting. Not everyone is willing to put themselves in front of a microphone, so absolutely, we always need volunteers.

Canoe FM strives to showcase local talent and meet community needs and we want to always remain a strong partner in the development of our community, and to do this we need volunteers. Currently we are looking to train on air hosts who would be willing to volunteer Monday to Friday during daytime hours, which means between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. We are also looking to fill some positions in our front office and we would love someone that would be able to attend events and do a live broadcast back to the station.

If you are interested in governance and shaping the direction of the station, you might consider volunteering to sit on our board of directors.

If anyone is interested in joining our Canoe FM volunteer team we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with either Janice or Roxanne at volunteers@canoefm. com or by calling the station at 705-457-1009.

Haliburton Legion

- 1. The Legion has approximately 400 members who pay an annual membership fee of \$50 but a very small number of our members actively volunteer to sit on the executive committee and the subcommittees and manage all the required needs of the organization.
- 2. Our organization would lose its charter without volunteers stepping up and agreeing to serve on the executive committee and the committee would not be able to carry out their mandate without volunteers agreeing to help with the subcommittee tasks. Also we would no longer be able to donate to the many charities and support our local veterans without volunteers.
- 3. If you are presently volunteering at the Haliburton Legion, then thank you for your service. If you are not assisting, please consider offering as much or as little time as you can spare to keep the Haliburton Legion the vibrant organization that it is in our community.
- 4. The Legion is always looking for members and volunteers. First if you are not a member then visit our website at www. haliburtonlegion.com and view our membership page. If you are a member then we

need you to be an active participant in managing the affairs of the organization. Give President Paul Sisson a call at 705-457-2571 to discuss what you can do to help keep the Haliburton Legion a strong organization in our community.

Hike Haliburton

- 1. Last year we had approximately 212 individuals volunteer to help with The Hike Haliburton Festival. Their jobs ranged from leading hikes, to sweeping hikes (hanging at the back of the hike to ensure the group sticks together), to helping with festival events, concerts, or the Big Picnic on the final day to wrap up festivities. Volunteers also handled some marketing and promotion. They're woven into every fiber of the festival
- 2. There would be no element of the festival we could run without the help of our amazing volunteers!
- 3. There is something for everyone! You can volunteer for your favourite hike, or your favourite activity. Choosing something you'll enjoy and have fun doing is no problem at all, being involved in the festival is always more reward than work.
- 4. We're always looking for more volunteers. You can contact our volunteer coordinator Ky Clark at ky@yoursoutdoors.ca to start the process.

Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society

- 1. We have 59 volunteers who are volunteer drivers and volunteer mentors.
- 2. Volunteer drivers provide a critical ser-

vice to assist children/youth to stay connected to their families and the important activities in their lives, as maintaining connections is so important for children in care. Mentors are crucial to helping children and youth with their continued growth and assisting them to reach their full potential as citizens. Children and youth need to have sustained, positive, and enriching experiences with supportive

- 3. Thank you to all our current volunteers for your commitment to helping children, youth and families in our community!
- 4. To volunteer to assist children and youth in our community please contact Tania Nanni at 1-800-661-2843, extension 1221 for more information.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services

- 1. At HHHS we have over 350 volunteers actively working with clients, patients, and residents across the organization. Volunteer roles are widely varied from volunteer drivers with our medical transportation program, to hospice volunteers, to providing entertainment in our LTC homes, to volunteers who support our auxiliaries and HHHS Foundation. There isn't an element of care and service that isn't touched by volunteers. We are truly blessed.
- 2. Our community support volunteers perform roles that are essential to the ability to offer programming such as medically related transportation, hospice visiting, and delivering Meals on Wheels. We simply would

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never have enough staff, nor could our health system afford to provide these services without the hard work of volunteers. Of course the equipment purchased through the fundraising efforts of our Foundation and Auxiliary volunteers allow us to deliver the high quality care we are known for that wouldn't be possible otherwise.

- 3. We could not do what we do without you! We are truly grateful for your work and dedication.
- 4. HHHS is always welcoming to potential volunteers. For more information on the multitude of opportunities, please contact Brigitte Gebauer at bgebauer@hhhs.ca; 705 457-1392 x2927.

Haliburton Curling Club

- 1. Every member of the Haliburton Curling Club, of which there are roughly 260, is a potential volunteer. We require ongoing kitchen help, bartenders, ice maintenance, running leagues and bonspiels, and the big one is of course the countless jobs involved with running our Home & Cottage Show.
- 2. The club would cease to exist without volunteers. From our volunteer board of directors, to our drawmasters, and bonspiel conveners, our ice ad committee brings in much needed funds; our Home & Cottage Show makes a significant dent in our necessary membership fees; our kitchen help and bartenders save us monumental costs. And without our stellar Ice Team this year, well, we would not have ice to play on!
- 3. Get involved! Everyone has a passion. Everyone has a talent. Passions and talents should be shared. Sometimes you don't even know how much you'll enjoy an activity until you work with like-minded individuals for a common cause – and that's how I think we do so well as a volunteer based organization. We all love to participate.
- 4. We would certainly hope all of our members would see the need and benefit of volunteering through their membership. We are always looking for more curlers. When curlers become members; members become friends; friends become a community. And our community is a fantastic one! Registration for the curling season is the first week of September. Mark your calendars!

Abbey Gardens

1. We have about 40 volunteers plus a few groups/classes that volunteer for work bees in the garden. We have volunteers who help in our vegetable and flower gardens, in our Food Hub, at events and festivals, with our ponies and during our children's programs.



Volunteers with the Haliburton Curling Club give their time each year to make the Home and Cottage Show a success. /OLIVIA ROBINSON File

- 2. Volunteers contribute to every part of our organization and have allowed us to grow exponentially in every area.
- 3. Thank you! Time is precious and choosing to spend your time with us is something we don't take for granted. We love the enthusiasm and knowledge that our volunteers bring to Abbey Gardens.
- 4. We're always looking for more volunteers to assist in our gardens, with our programs, at events and more! Volunteers can sign up by contacting cara@abbeygardens.ca or 705-754-4769.

Red Wolves Special Olympics

- 1. Thirty-two people volunteer their time with the Haliburton Red Wolves, our local Special Olympics team. Whether coaching, scorekeeping, organizing fundraisers and social events or mentoring, they are rewarded with the friendliness of the athletes as they support each other, develop their skills in bowling, curling, softball or golf, and encourage each other along the way.
- 2. Our sports programs are reliant on volunteers and would not be possible without people willing to commit a bit of time to help these athletes have fun while taking part in physical activities with their friends.
- 3. You can come and visit our activities in progress, meet our athletes and volunteers and see how quickly they will win you over.
- 4. Volunteers are needed in all four sports. so if interested, please contact Yvette Brauer at ybrauer@bell.net. You'll be glad you did.

COMMUNITY LIVING Trent Highlands

In appreciation to all of our volunteers for helping people achieve their personal goals and becoming part of an inclusive community.

Thank you for your on-going support.



For volunteer opportunities contact Lisa Corp lcorp@clth.ca 705-743-2412 ext 527

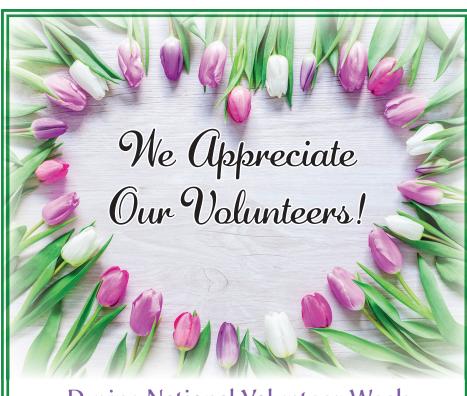


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We appreciate our volunteers and encourage the community to participate!

- Committee of Adjustment
- Cultural Resources Committee
- Economic Development Committee
- Events and Recreation Programming Committee
- Glebe Park and Museum Committee
- Haliburton B.I.A.
- Harcourt Community Hall Board
- Signs and Property Standards Committee
- West Guilford Community Centre Board
- All of volunteer coaches for ball hockey and softball
- All of the volunteers who help out at our municipal events!





During National Volunteer Week we reflect and thank HHHS volunteers for their endless efforts and ongoing support.



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Minden Hills community services director Mark Coleman chats with attendees at a volunteer appreciation reception.



Volunteers enjoyed treats, bright spring decor and conversation.



Volunteers enjoyed a spread of delectable goodies during an appreciation reception hosted by the Township of Minden Hills.





MH thanks volunteers

Betty Mark, aka Myrtle Beach, and Sinclair Russell enjoy each other's company during a reception for Minden Hills volunteers hosted by the township at the community centre on April 6. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



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We would also like to extend our appreciation to the community for their participation in the public nomination process.

Thank you to our valued chamber supporters for partnering on the event to ensure its success!

UPCOMING EVENTS



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Community **Events**

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Cook It Up

Enjoy a FREE three-course lunch every Tuesday from 12 to 2 p.m. at Molly's Bistro Bakery in Minden as part of Cook It Up. An initiative of SIRCH, Cook it Up is a training program that helps unemployed and underemployed individuals gain skills for the food services industry. Lunches take place every week from March 12 until May 7.

Irish Lunch Fundraiser

When: Saturday March 30, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m Where: Highland Grove Recreation Centre Irish Stew, Soda Bread, Coffee, Tea, and Dessert Admission by Donation

All proceeds will be donated to our friend Ella. She is just 14 years old and has been diagnosed with advanced lymphoma.

Hope to see you there, EVERYONE is welcome!!!! Hosted by Melissa Burroughs

Jeff Moulton

When: Saturday, April 13, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom Cost:\$5 cover charge for non-members 50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

Country Music Jamboree

When: April 14, 1 to 5 p.m.

Where: Coboconk Legion

Open mic. Hosted by the Country Hot Flashes with Scott Russell and Ron Lister

Please note: next jamboree is May 5.

Food made available by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary at a reasonable cost

Admission: \$8

Life in the Mongolian Steppe

When: Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St, Minden Join Michele Swyer and learn about her fascinating journey to this unusual land.

Sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists www.hhfn.ca

Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group

When: Wednesday, Apr. 17. Doors open 6 p.m., speaker 7



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Where: Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden What: Linda Heeps presents the Legion's Veterans' Gravestone Project

Cost: No charge, everyone welcome For more info contact: Gail 705-286-2225

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, April 24, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205

CFUW Speaker: Julia Sutton

When: Thursday, April 25, 7 to 8 p.m. Where: Abbey Gardens Retreat Centre

Julia Sutton will speak about natural shorelines, landscape restoration and creating spaces for humans and wildlife with native plants. She has worked for conservation authorities in easnter Ontario, carried out forest inventories in partnership with First Nations and coordinated a fish and stream monitoring program.

Open to the public. Cost is free, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Scholarship Fund welcome. After the talk there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to mingle with the speaker. CFUW business to follow.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE Minden Transformer Station Expansion Project

Much of Hydro One's transmission system was built in the 1950s and is in need of investment. That's why in mid-June 2019, we will start work to expand the Minden Transformer Station (TS). Once complete, this expansion will provide much needed electrical capacity for the Minden and Haliburton areas. The station is located on Haliburton County Rd 21 in Minden Hills. Investments in the system today will help protect the public, ensure reliability and offset far more costly work in the future.



What's happened so far?

- Last summer, a fire at our Minden TS destroyed one of two transformers. Hydro One was able to restore power within a few hours to the 20,000 people affected by a power outage.
- A temporary replacement transformer was installed until the new transformer could be installed.

What's included in the expansion?

- Installation of the new T1 transformer in its permanent location on the northwest side of the station.
- Tree removal on Hydro One's property and extension of the station's fence by approximately 0.28 hectare.
- Installation of the new T2 transformers and associated equipment.
- Installation of two (2) new buildings which will house critical electrical communication equipment.
- The removal of the old T2 transformer and associated equipment.

Project Timeline:

This work is expected to start in mid-June 2019 and be completed by March 2021. The removal of the T2 transformer will be completed by August 2021.

To learn more about this project, we encourage you to drop in at our Community Open House:

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion 12847 ON-35

Members of our team will be available to discuss the project, schedule and what you can expect when construction is occurring. We encourage you to attend and provide your input, ask questions and meet our team.

Keep in touch

If you would like more information about the project or have any questions, please contact us: Community Relations

Phone: 416-345-6799

Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com



ASES hosts basketball tournament

Woodville Elementary School won the 2019 Division A county junior mixed basketball tournament that filled the gyms at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on April 2, but not without an energetic effort by the ASES mixed team.

Teams participated from TLDSB schools including J. Douglas Hodgson, Woodville, Lady Mackenzie, Jack Callaghan, King

Albert, Ridgewood and Queen Victoria.

The ASES team, coached by Angela Pilgrim. was: Emery Bagshaw, Chloe Hartwig, Jayde Rowden, Jocelyn Thompson, Kennedy Gill, Emily Graves, Jazmin Smith, Quinn Higgins, Cole Hamilton, Aiden Milley, Mak Prentice, Wyatt Raposo, Jaden Vanderwindt, Kadin Card and Owen Whitteker.

Sue Tiffin, Staff



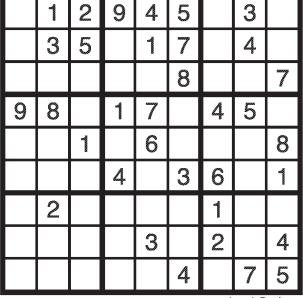


Left, the ASES mixed team shows their spirit in a team pic with Coach Angela Pilgrim (back row, far right).

Above, a crowd watched the ASES mixed team in a game against Lindsay's Queen Victoria Public School at the 2019 Division A county junior mixed basketball tournament on April 2. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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Answers on page 22

A Skater's Thanksgiving

For most Canadians, Thanksgiving occurs in October to celebrate a successful harvest. For skaters in Minden, our Thanksgiving comes in April, when we celebrate a successful skating season with our year end

Although a successful season for a skating club can be defined by the individual accomplishments of its skaters; participation in competitions, passing tests, personal bests, the Minden Skating Club fully recognizes that its success is also the result of the people

We give thanks to our coaching staff, Jane Symons, Calista Hunter, Guy Gordon and Lisa Carr. We continue to be grateful for their commitment to the sport and willingness to share their passion with our skaters. In fact, this year we are privileged to honour Guy in his 50th year of coaching. Although he hasn't spent his entire career with Minden, this is where he started and likely where he will finish...but not yet. Also deserving of special recognition is our lead coach, Jane Symons. So much of what she does for our skaters and the club is voluntary. This year she has been working tirelessly for an entire year, planning, choreographing and creating for our "Beauty and the Beast" skating carnival. (Most of our lead costumes are designed and created by Jane!) For Jane, preparation for this year's show has been a project of assion to honour her mother who passed in the spring of last year.

We give thanks to our community helpers like Dan Fockler and his creative Senior Manufacturing Class at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School as well as Sonia Marx and John Teljeur, organizers and hosts of the annual Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships. In addition to inviting us to sell our maple syrup during their event (and buying a significant amount to share with their players), Sonja and John generously donated club jackets to our contingent of CANskaters that participated in a competition in February. John and Sonja wanted there to be little doubt where these young, up-and-coming members of the club, called home. The contributions of Dan and his crew started with a "simple" request: We need a horse that will be movable with the skater and can stand on its own. What we received, is beyond our wildest expectation - you truly need to see it to believe it. It is a functional work of art. Life sized and light weight; made of 1/4-inch metal rod and fabric. The attention to detail and shape is exceptional. With pucks for feet it can move with the skater and has been designed so the skater can get up inside it. Although Dan has said, "We don't like attention," when his students create with this level of skill, attention is inevitable.

We give thanks to our skating parents and families, giving up countless hours at the rink and behind the scenes doing all that is needed to make this year's "The Beauty and the Beast" skating carnival the success it is sure to be. Earning special recognition are the nine parents that serve on the club's board of directors that, in addition to the rink time, meet regularly to coordinate fundraisers, competitions, test days and of course shows: Kelly Allaire, Andrea Bull, Amber Card, Audrey Collins, Angie Garot, Nicole Mee, Aynlsey Robinson and Jessica Tomlinson. Many of these individuals work double time in the months leading up to carnival and our annual general meeting.

We give thanks to you for joining the Minden Skating Club on Sunday, April 14 as we celebrate with "Beauty and the Beast." The show will also include performances by Kurt Browning; a four-time World Champion figure skater. As you can see, we have much to be grateful for and much to celebrate.

Submitted by Carolyn Lewis MSC President

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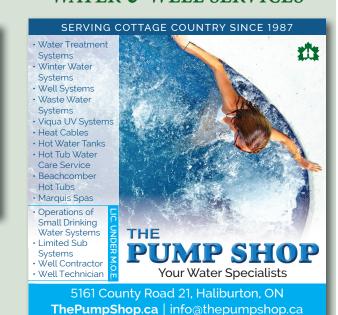
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We would like to thank all applicants in advance and advise that only those selected for an $\,$ interview will be contacted. All information is collected solely for the purpose of job selection under the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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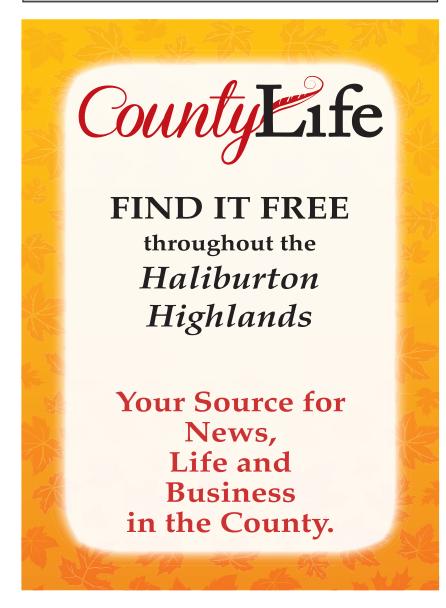
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County Warden Murray Fearrey pointed out that a formula exists by which the municipalities can calculate costs. "You can only apply for what you are entitled to," he said. "Policing costs are predicated on use.

Both the county and municipalities are required to cut costs by 1.7 per cent. That percentage is part of the cost-calthe residential portion of education taxes is supposed to offset the cost of policing, according to provincial government calculations. The buzz words are "revenue neutral."

In Anson, Hindon and Minden's case, the cost for policing in 1998, based on actual figures from 1997, will be \$524,000. The cost per household has been capped by the provincial government at \$90. Costs in excess of the \$90 cap will be considered for compensation under the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF) formula. The definition of households refers only to those which are occupied and excludes vacant land and unoccupied properties.

Estimated costs of policing will include direct costs such as salaries, wages and benefits of uniformed officers and civilian employees; equipment costs, such as vehicles, uniforms, supplies, radio and computer equipment; additional support personnel (communications operators and prisoner guards); and administrative support costs of the Regional and General Headquarters required to provide municipal services, such as professional standards, finance and budgeting, human resources and legal services.

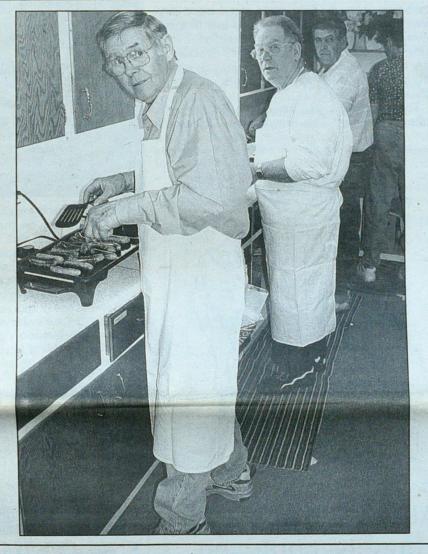
The estimates exclude the cost of provincial responsibilities, such as patrolling King's Highways, waterway policing and provincial park policing, among others.

As Warden Fearrey was trying to explain the complex system, he said, "If you're confused, you're not alone. I erstand it either.'

To meet the 1.7 per cent target, AH&M will have to trim \$58,000. (more on page 2)

Grill gourmets

It was the men's turn in the kitchen this past weekend as the Lochlin United Church hosted a pancake breakfast. Held in conjunction with **Haliburton County** MapleFest, the breakfast attracted so many diners that the organizers had to send out for additional supplies. While there were many other helpers in and out of the kitchen, our photographer caught, from the left, sausage grill chef Keith Hill, batter beater Gerald Hicks and pancake flipper Ron Burk in action. Janet Donnery, in the background, helped to maintain a modicum of order.



Support grows for Mural Project

by Elizabeth Dunkley and Kristi van Kessel

Things are starting to look a little brighter for downtown Minden.

The Minden Mural Committee plans to have ten murals painted over the next five years, two of which are slated for completion by the end of the summer. Various walls around the downtown are potential canvases for this project. For example, the Northern Foods building, the arena, the newly opened youth centre, the Norland Trading building, the Minden Times building and the Northland Sales building.

The committee held a public meeting on April 2, in hopes of attracting some interested and supportive people. They were successful; at least a dozen people came to the meeting and all agreed it was a great idea.
"It's interesting and it's great," said

Marie Lennard. "Right now the town is dying, anything that will attract people to the downtown is wonderful."

Many of the people at the meeting

felt that downtown Minden needs something to give people a reason to go there. They believe that business has suffered and something needs to be done soon.

"I think the murals are coming at a good time," said Lennard. "We need to do something soon."

The objective of the program is to spruce up the town while incorporating Minden's historical past, and hopefully attracting new businesses. Hodgson made reference to a town in British Columbia that incorporated a mural program and had at least 40 new businesses come to town since.

"It would be a very successful endeavor," said Norma Nobles. 'Minden and Haliburton are wellknown for their arts and craftspeople."

Current committee Claudio Mestroni and Larry Hodgson feel strongly about doing this project as a team.

"In practical terms, we have to get a committee together that has the support of the locals, cottagers, council and the

town in general," said Mestroni. "This has to be done with the consent and support of everybody."

The committee approached Anson, Hindon and Minden council last Thursday to discuss the mural program. They were not expecting any handouts.

"We want to bring council on board," said Mestroni. "But we realize the pot isn't deep enough for every-

In light of this, the committee is looking for help in funding this project. The Haliburton County Development Corporation has already given the committee a \$2,500 boost and Paul Heffer, owner of the Minden Drug Store announced at the meeting that he would match that figure if they painted a mural on his store.

"I want to help get things moving," said Heffer. "I want to be part of the initiative.

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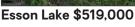
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